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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 14412-000

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments,

Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications; Telluride Energy, LLC

On May 17, 2012, Telluride Energy, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Chatfield Lake Hydroelectric Project (Chatfield Lake Project or project) at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Chatfield Lake and dam on the South Platte River, near the City of Littleton in Alameda and Douglas Counties, Colorado. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a new penstock that would take water from the existing Chatfield Lake; (2) a new powerhouse at the base of the existing Chatfield Lake dam containing a 0.5-megawatt turbine-generator; (3) a new estimated 1,500-foot-long primary transmission line connecting the project to Excel Energy's transmission lines north of the project; and; (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 1,400 megawatt-hours and operate utilizing releases from Chatfield Lake, as directed by the Corps.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact

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information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online

Support at <u>FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</u> or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY,

(202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing,

documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street,

NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be

viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at

http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-14412) in the

docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online

Support.

Dated: June 15, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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